

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A display device that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the display device comprising:

a display unit configured to display said display information;

a setting unit configured to [for setting] set display control information that represents the relationship between [position and size of] the display area and the [switching of] the display information [for when a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs]; and

a display control unit configured to control [for controlling one] said display unit to display [including the plurality of display areas such that] the display information [is] so as to be displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set by the setting unit,

wherein, when the display control unit detects an event corresponding to a predetermined display information displayed in a predetermined area, [upon detection of the event,] the display control unit [switches the position or size of the display area where the display information for the detected event is displayed based on the display control information] controls said display unit to present the occurrence of the event to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1,
[wherein the setting unit sets information representing a priority of the display information as the display control information, and]

wherein the display control unit controls [the position and size of the display area in accordance with the information representing the priority] said display unit to switch display area for displaying said predetermined display information.

3. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein [the setting unit sets, as the] display control unit controls said display unit to switch the size of said predetermined display area [information,- information representing a link item that another display device uses to display the display information displayed in the display area] .

4. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, [upon detection of sound volume exceeding a predetermined threshold value as the event in a program that is displayed in the display areas as the display control information, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area where the program is displayed] the setting unit sets information representing the priority of the display information as the display control information, and

wherein, the display control unit controls the display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in each of the plurality of the display areas, based on the information representing the priority.

5. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, [upon reception of email as the event, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area where the display information concerning the email is displayed] the setting unit sets, as the display control information, the information representing a link item that another display device uses to display the display information displayed in the display area.

6. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, [at a predetermined time of day as the event, the display control unit controls the position or size of the display area] the display control unit controls said display unit to display a program in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

7. (Currently amended) A display device according to Claim [[1]] 6,
wherein, [upon detection of a person as the event in a picture displayed in the display areas,] the display control unit [controls the position or size of the display area where the picture is displayed] detects sound volume exceeding predetermined threshold value in a program, as the event.

8. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 1, [further comprising a generating unit for generating a plurality of symbols representing the display control information,] wherein the display control unit [sequentially displays as the display control information each of the plurality of symbols that is generated by the generating unit] controls said display unit to display the information corresponding to e-mail in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

9. (Currently Amended) A display device according to Claim 8, [further comprising:
a detecting unit for detecting the symbol each time the plurality of symbols, representing the display control information, is sequentially displayed in another display device as the display information; and

an acquiring unit for acquiring the display control information based on the plurality of symbols detected by the detecting unit] wherein the display control unit detects reception of e-mail as the event.

10. (Currently Amended) A display [method of a display device that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the display method comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the position and size of the display area and the switching of the display information for when a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs; and

controlling one display including the plurality of display areas such that the display information is displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in the setting step,

wherein, upon detection of the event, the position or size of the display area where the display information for the detected event is displayed is switched based on the display control information in the controlling step] device according to Claim 1, wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display a picture from a camera acquired through inter-net in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

11. (Currently Amended) A [program that causes a computer to execute a display process for displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas, the program comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the position and size of the display area and the switching of the display information for when a predetermined event is detected, based on user inputs; and

controlling one display including the plurality of display areas such that the display information is displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in the setting step,

wherein, upon detection of the event, the position or size of the display area where the display information for the event is displayed is switched based on the display control information in the controlling step] display device according to Claim 10,

wherein, the display control unit detects a person in said picture, as an event.

12. (New) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display a weather information in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

13. (New) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display an information concerning the user's community in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

14. (New) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display a to-do list in said predetermined display are, as the display information.

15. (New) A display device according to Claim 1,

wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display a schedule in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

16. (New) A display device according to Claim 1,
wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit to display an advertisement in said predetermined display area, as the display information.

17. (New) A display method of a display device that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas of a display unit, the display method comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information, based on user inputs;

controlling said display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in a predetermined area;

detecting an event corresponding to a predetermined display information displayed in a predetermined area; and

controlling said display unit to switch a display area for displaying said predetermined display information or the size of said predetermined display area, when said event is detected in the detecting step.

18. (New) a recording medium for recording a computer-readable program to be executed by a computer to carry out processing, wherein said program is a display processing that is capable of displaying predetermined display information in each of a plurality of display areas of display unit, said program comprising the steps of:

setting display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information, based on user inputs;

controlling said display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in each of the plurality of display areas, based on the display control information set in the setting step;

detecting an event corresponding to a predetermined display information
displayed in a predetermined area; and

controlling said display unit to switch a display area for displaying said predetermined
display information or the size of said predetermined display area, when said event is detected in
the detecting step.